

CONNECTICUT PUBLIC OFFICIALS SHOULD LEARN A LESSON FROM THIS

The following story was posted in the news today. Public Officials in Connecticut State Government have been doing the same thing as the charities in California, giving to themselves, as they divert monies from the public funds to sponsor and support their own private supporters and organizations. Many still don't believe that certain government officials in Connecticut diverted public funds to the University of New Haven and Notre Dame High School in West Haven and other private institutions to later benefit and profit personally from what is known as public funding. But, just as in California, benefits here in this state were withheld and redistributed to private causes, leaving the injured to suffer.

However, in Connecticut we can list victims such as myself, and people implementing the fraud, like Michael Lawlor and his group in Hartford. Although no one wants to believe me, White people are still attacking the Black family just as in slavery. It is just that the methods have changed slightly, same results. The state actually took my home and made me homeless.

It is more profound in Connecticut, as this deception and fraud is now being led by the homosexual coalition in state government. Although they rhetoric tolerance, there should be no such space allowed for what is obviously demonic forces now controlling the state capital at large. As they subvert the laws, supporting an agenda that violates the constitutional and civil rights of particular individuals, while at the same time advancing their own causes.

Although I thought a change was coming to the capital, the current administration, including the newly elected comptroller are actually supportive of the past administration and their corrupt practices. As a victim of their frauds in promoting their agenda, tolerance as is the mantra of GLAAD and others of their fraternal organizations, should not be accorded these people. These people should be prosecuted the same as in California. However, the pot cannot call the kettle black, as they are all in it together. Unlike in California, the Attorney General Office in Connecticut help to develop the fraud scheme, and proudly represents it.

Please log on to NBCNews for the complete story and when you have a chance to, view the congressional hearings. As state politics are more corrupt than those on the national level, as if that were possible, hearings and such on the topic will not be forthcoming. On the state level, in reference to Connecticut, the government has seem to have rotted to its core. There doesn't appear to be any salt left, they tend to toss it out, like in my case.

Calif. sues major veterans charity for millions, alleges fraud and self-dealing

By NBC News wire services

California's attorney general sued a major veterans charity on Thursday, accusing the officers and directors of engaging in self-dealing and fraudulent fundraising, and paying excessive compensation.

The suit seeks to remove the officers and recover \$4.3 million that it claims was improperly diverted from [Help Hospitalized Veterans](#). The charity in Winchester, Calif., was founded in 1971 to provide therapeutic arts and craft activities for patients receiving care in [Veterans Affairs](#) hospitals, military hospitals and state veterans homes, according to its website.

"What makes this case so egregious is our military servicemen and women are willing to sacrifice their lives for our country and for us as Americans, and when they are in need of help and support we should give it to them and not manipulate charitable people and then personally profit from them," state Attorney General Kamala D. Harris told The Associated Press.

The charity raised more than \$108 million in contributions over the last three years, it said in tax filings and on its website, with 33.8 percent going toward its programs. The suit alleges that it filed "false and misleading" tax returns that inflated program expenses and reduced its actual fundraising costs to "less than 30 percent."

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Based on its reported fundraising, Help Hospitalized Veterans ranks among the top 1 percent of charities in the United States. The group once was endorsed by retired Gen. Tommy Franks, who later distanced himself from the charity.

At the same time, it has ranked for more than a decade at the bottom of lists by watchdog groups that rate nonprofit organizations based on their financial management and abilities to use most of their donations toward their causes. [CharityWatch](#) says about 35 percent of Help Hospitalized Veterans' funds go toward programs to aid veterans. The recommended standard is about 65 percent.

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The California lawsuit said the charity's president, Michael Lynch, received excessive compensation of \$900,000.

The complaint said that former president Roger Chapin, who during a 2008 U.S. congressional hearing about his management of the charity called himself the "the most honest person in this room," retired the following year with a nearly \$2 million pension

plan. The suit alleges that the group's board members retroactively spiked Chapin's earnings to justify the inflated amount for his retirement.

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Chapin is also accused of diverting the charity's funds through a separate charity called Conquer Cancer and Alzheimer's Now.

Chapin was accused of paying himself more than \$493,000 from the cancer charity. That charity received the money from [American Target Advertising](#), a fund-raising firm run by conservative political fundraiser Richard Viguerie, who is not named in the suit.

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'It's surprising it's taken this long'

Viguerie, who is identified in the suit as Chapin's long-time friend, is said to have deposited funds into the account of Conquer Cancer and Alzheimer's Now from \$800,000 that Help Hospitalized Veterans had lent ATA and was not repaid.

"It's surprising it's taken this long for something to happen with all the serious problems that were brought up in the (2008 congressional) hearing," said Daniel Borochoff of CharityWatch, which monitors the financial records of nonprofit groups. "What's more, this information did not filter down to donors."

But he added: "Mr. Chapin spun a complex web to confuse well-intentioned donors and make it difficult for regulators to untangle."

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Calls to Help Hospitalized Veterans and Lynch's office were not returned. Viguerie did not immediately respond to phone and email messages seeking comment. Reuters was unable to contact Chapin on Thursday evening.

Borochoff said the complaint sends a strong message to unscrupulous charities.

"It's about \$2 billion that is raised on behalf of veterans charity, and unfortunately a lot of that's being wasted and not being used to help our veterans," Borochoff said. "It's really ludicrous what's going on. It's out of control, there's such great waste. It's a national disgrace that people are allowed to exploit veterans for their own personal financial benefit, or benefit of their company."